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New York, 20 saloon, 39 second cabin, and 191 steerage passengers, with 385 pieces of baggage passed. June 18, Norwegian bark *Arizona*, to Ship Island, Miss., in ballast, 3 officers and 15 crew. June 19, German ship *Nereide*, to New York, in ballast, 3 officers and 22 crew. June 20, Cunard Line steamship *Ultonia*, to Boston, 63 steerage passengers with 125 pieces baggage passed. June 21, White Star Line steamship *Majestic*, to New York, 20 saloon, 60 second-cabin, and 135 steerage passengers, with 230 pieces baggage passed.

The health of the port is good. The small epidemic of scarlet fever that prevailed here for about three weeks is a thing of the past. The disease occurred first among some soldiers at one of the forts near the harbor entrance. These cases were brought to the military hospital, which is located in the eastern part of the city on the shore. At first some of these cases were landed at a pier some distance from the hospital and had to be taken through thickly populated streets in order to reach the hospital. One child, sick of the disease, admitted that he had followed one of the sick soldiers through the streets. Later the cases were landed directly at the hospital. The disease among the children was very mild.

Respectfully,

J. H. OAKLEY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon. U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

ITALY.

Rio de Janeiro declared infected with plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose copy of a note from the Italian ambassador at this capital stating that the port of Rio de Janeiro has been declared by his Government infected with the plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have received to-day and have the honor to transcribe the following telegram from the royal minister of the interior:

“ROME, *June 20, 1900.*

“*Italian Embassy, Washington:*

“An ordinance of to-day applies to all arrivals from Rio de Janeiro, declared infected by the plague, the dispositions of ordinances of May 8, 1897, No. 3; of July 15, 1897, No. 6; of June 12, 1899, No. 6; June 16, 1899, No. 7; of January 24, 1900, No. 1; of March 1, 1900, No. 8, and of April 7, 1900, No. 10.

“BERTOLINI.”

Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

FAVA.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

ITALY.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, *June 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the abstract of bills of health and the regular report for the week ended June 16, 1900: Seven